Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Trippunittura Fort road.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there any such road in Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Measures to improve marketing of State produce.

421. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government to explore all possible avenues in order to improve the marketing of our produce both within the State and outside it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far nothing has been done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why nothing has been done so far?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member wants me to explain all the incidents and accidents of history, it is not possible. The question has come to me only very recently and therefore there was no occasion to consider this question at all.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the distress of the agriculturists come before the attention of the Government as early as the first budget session of the new Council?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am unable to enlighten the Hon'ble Member. With regard to the distress I may state that from time to time the facts about distress have been brought to the notice of the Government and relief measures have been undertaken.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not action in this line a relief to the distressed agriculturists and is it not an urgent problem?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In my opinion it is.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Whether the relief suggested herein won't reduce the distress of the agriculturists?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—What is the relief pointed out here?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That action should be taken to increase the price of agricultural produce.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The question is whether this would be one means of solving the problem. Certainly it is.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So will the Government be pleased to consider urgently and take action upon it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In an answer to another question put by the Hon'ble Member himself it is pointed out that these things will be looked into when the economic survey is carried out and all possible and suitable remedies adopted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have you invented this economic survey to postpone issues and to bring it as an excuse whenever information is asked for here?

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President.—I am sorry that question cannot be allowed.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know why this question was sent to the Director?

President.—He answered it on behalf of the Government.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—And I am in charge of the Department of Industries.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the exploration of all possible avenues is one of the matters to be considered in the economic survey?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not all but everything that occurs to the officer of the survey.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will something in this line be one of the matters?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are the Government aware of a resolution which has been carried here that a reduction of land revenue should be granted?

President.—Yesterday a cut motion was passed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Even before that.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not know how that improves the marketing of produce.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am coming to that point which has been raised by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Since the incident is very recent no answer seems to be necessary. It would be superfluous.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government seen the Proceedings of the Madras Council on a similar resolution passed there?

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Are these supplementary questions?

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.— Is this a supplementary question, Sir?

President.—I think it is somewhat relevant to the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran,—Government have read the press reports of the Budget Discussion in which this point was raised in the Madras Legislative Council. I followed it very closely.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the Government have read in the proceedings of the Madras Legislative Council that they have stated that they are exploring all possible avenues in order to improve the marketing of produce?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember to have seen that sentence. I think they have suspended the collection of revenue for a time.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether they have read that portion in the Government Proceedings?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not read the Government Proceedings, but only the press reports.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know from which paper?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We got two papers the Hindu and the Madras Mail.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I got the information form the Hindu.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember to have seen it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government refer to it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government take some immediate steps if that Government has said that they are considering the matter very seriously?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider the suggestion.

Coercive steps to realise debts.

422. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the information promised by them in the last meeting about the total number of instalment Decrees and of coercive steps taken for realising debts for the last 10 years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Information is being collected.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you kindly give the information before the meeting is over?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I will explain the difficulties of the Government to the Hon'ble Member. Under coercive steps will come execution of applications, then a number of warrants, then a number of notices for selling property, a number of sale proclamations, etc., and taking an average of 50 petitions we come to 18 thousand executions in an year and there may be 50 warrants in a case. The Hon'ble Member can find out the difficulty; and this information has to be collected for 10 years. Therefore, sufficient time may be given to go through all the ramifications of the procedure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Can you not give it even before the next Budget Session?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government will make an effort and the information will be collected and I suppose the Hon'ble Member will give such time as is required.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have you started it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—Yes.

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